

## Chloe Thompson Villagomez

Principal

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Chloe focuses her practice on advising Native American tribes and tribal entities. She is a dedicated advocate for tribal sovereignty, tribal self-determination and tribal economic development.

Chloe represents Native American tribes and tribal entities in a broad range of governmental and business matters, including commercial transactions, business operations, governmental operations, intergovernmental relations and agreements, civil litigation, employment matters, construction issues, the development of laws, regulations and policy, and more. Chloe has particular interest in tribal economic development, tribal sovereign immunity, civil jurisdiction in Indian country, employment law, tax law, gaming, liquor and cannabis regulation, recognition of tribal court judgments, and issues involving the applicability of federal and state laws in Indian country.

Prior to joining Foster Garvey, Chloe served as the Tribal Attorney for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Associate General Counsel for Port Madison Enterprises (an agency of the Suquamish Tribe) and in private practice with a boutique Indian law firm in the Minneapolis area. Her clients have included a number of tribal gaming operations, hotels, convenience stores and liquor stores, as well as a tribally owned construction company, golf course and event center.

### Services

Litigation  
Commercial & IP  
Transactions  
Labor, Employment &  
Immigration  
Native American Law

### Admissions

Washington, 2011  
Minnesota, 2004  
U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Michigan, 2021  
U.S. District Court, District of  
Minnesota, 2005  
U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Washington, 2021  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 9th Circuit, 2012  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 11th Circuit, 2021  
Puyallup Tribal Court, 2020  
Snoqualmie Tribal Court,  
2018  
Suquamish Tribal Court,  
2010

Chloe has also served as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law, where she has taught Federal Indian Law, Indian Gaming Law, and Tribal Law.

## Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School (*cum laude*), 2004

- *Law & Inequality: A Journal of Theory & Practice*, Managing Editor
- Indian Child Welfare Clinic

B.A., University of Oregon, Clark Honors College (with honors), 1999

## Professional Activities

Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, 2003-present

Tribal In-House Counsel Association, Member, 2013-present

Washington Department of Revenue Tribal Tax Advisory Group, Member, 2014-2019

Washington State Bar Association, Indian Law Section, Member, 2011-present

## News

Foster Garvey Promotes Six Attorneys to Principal

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 1.3.22

Foster Garvey Adds Strength to Native American Law Practice with Addition of Chloe Thompson Villagomez

*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 4.2.20

## Speaking Engagements

"Negotiating and Drafting Dispute Resolution Provisions in Tribal Contracts," Tribal In-House Counsel Association – Lunch in Indian Country CLE Seminar

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 9.28.22

"Washington Indian Tribes and the GMA: Sovereign-to-Sovereign Consultation as a Necessary Part of Inclusionary Regional Planning," Law Seminars International 29th Annual Comprehensive Conference

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 9.22.22

"Tribal Sovereign Immunity Update," WSBA Indian Law Section's 34th Annual Indian Law CLE Seminar

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 6.16.22

"The Indian Law Outlook," Quimbee CLE Seminar.

Speaking Engagement

On-Demand Seminar, 6.10.22

"Indian Law Basics," National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS) of Washington Annual Meeting

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 4.2.22

"Tribal Sovereign Immunity Update: The Tribe Can Do No Wrong, But What About Its Subordinate Entities, Officials, and Employees?" LawPracticeCLE Webinar

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 1.14.22

"Analyzing Recent Indian Law Decisions at SCOTUS: Is this a New Era?" - Lawline

Speaking Engagement

Virtual Event, 9.21.21

"Tribal Employment Law Challenges: Returning Employees to the Workplace"

Webinar

5.8.20 and 5.11.20

"Current Tax Issues in Indian Country," 31st Annual Washington State Bar Association Indian Law Seminar

Speaking Engagement

Seattle, WA, 5.10.19

Contract Training

Speaking Engagement

November and December 2018

Sovereignty and Contracts

Speaking Engagement

May and November 2016

Legal Basics

Speaking Engagement

May 2016

Contract Policy  
Speaking Engagement  
March 2016

Tribal Employment Law  
Speaking Engagement  
February 2016

Tribal Governance  
Speaking Engagement  
October 2015

27th Annual Washington State Bar Association Indian Law Seminar  
Speaking Engagement  
Seattle, WA, 6.11.15

## Publications

"Commentary on *U.S. v. Rickert*," *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Tax Opinions*, Bridget J. Crawford & Anthony C. Infanti eds., Cambridge University Press 2017  
*Cambridge University Press 2017*, December 2017

"Contracting Recommendations for Tribal Entities," *Indian Gaming*  
*Indian Gaming*, February 2016

"The Sovereign Immunity of Tribal Officials and Employees after *Maxwell v. County of San Diego*," WSBA Indian Law Newsletter  
*WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*, Spring 2013

"State Workers' Compensation Laws: Unenforceable Against Tribal Employers Both On and Off Reservations," WSBA Indian Law Newsletter  
*WSBA Indian Law Newsletter*, Winter 2011-2012

"New NLRB Rule Presents an Unwelcome Choice for Tribal Businesses," *Indian Country Today*  
*Indian Country Today*, 10.22.11

"Exercising and Protecting Tribal Sovereignty in Day-to-Day Business Operations: What the Key Players Need to Know," *Washburn Law Journal*, Vol. 49 No. 3, p. 661-716  
*Washburn Law Journal*, Spring 2010

"A Legacy of Public Law 280: Comparing and Contrasting Minnesota's New Rule for the Recognition of Tribal Court Judgments with the Recent Arizona Rule," Co-author (with Kevin Washburn), *William Mitchell Law Review*, Vol. 31 Issue 2, p. 479-526  
*William Mitchell Law Review*, January 2004